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Letter dated 12 May 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 11 May 1995 from H.E. Mr. Alija Izetbegovic, President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressed to you.

May I ask for your kind assistance in distributing this letter and its attachment as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 39 and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIC
Deputy Permanent Representative
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Annex

Letter dated 11 May 1995 from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the Secretary-General

At the joint session of the Presidency and the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina reviewing the recent deterioration of the political and humanitarian situation in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, it was decided that we request you to undertake the following:

1. To take a decision, by announcement, urgently to open the Sarajevo airport for humanitarian flights, as well as to open the section of the blue route from Butmir to Dobrinja.

2. To halt immediately the transfer of the Serb population from Western Slovenia into Bosnia and Herzegovina.

You will recall that your Special Representative, Mr. Yasushi Akashi has offered support for this action and for the United Nations to facilitate logistically this transfer of Croatian Serbs into the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as the armed Serb soldiers.

This illegal action has been followed by the expulsion of the Bosniac and Croat populations from the Serb-occupied parts of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

According to all norms of international law, this is a specific form of genocide by means of forcibly changing the ethnic composition of territories under temporary occupation by the aggressor, which should not in any way be supported by the United Nations.

We consider the two above-mentioned points as the minimum measures to be undertaken by those heading the United Nations administration in order to respond to blackmail and blatant disregard for norms of the international world political order.

I take this opportunity to inform you that the citizens of Sarajevo and other safe areas have been, day in day out, targets of renewed Serbian artillery attacks.

You must have knowledge of who prevented the recent action by airplanes of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and why, which has effectively only further emboldened the Serbs to continue with impunity to kill the civilian population in the safe areas.

Because of the urgency of this letter, I forward it to you via Ambassador Muhamed Sacirbey, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations. I kindly ask for your assistance in conveying the contents of this letter to the participants in tomorrow's meeting in Paris, called to review the United Nations mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIC